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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
President Kathy E. Johnson, Ph.D.
The University of New Orleans

HONORARY SPEAKER
Maurice Carlos Ruffin
Bachelor of Arts, English, '00
Master of Fine Arts, '13

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

READING OF THE GRADUATES

ALUMNI ADDRESS
Ricky Burke
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, '73
Master of Business Administration, '75

University of New Orleans Mission Statement

The University of New Orleans is a comprehensive urban research university committed to providing educational excellence to a diverse undergraduate and graduate student body. The University is one of the region's foremost public resources, offering a variety of world-class, research-based programs, advancing shared knowledge and adding to the region's industry, culture and economy. The University of New Orleans, as a global community asset, serves national and international students and enhances the quality of life in New Orleans, the state, the nation, and the world, by participating in a broad array of research, service learning, cultural and academic activities.

Letter from the President

Dear Graduates,
This is a truly momentous occasion, and I am confident that you will remember this milestone for the rest of your life. It is my honor to participate in the celebration of your success. I hope that you will cherish your time spent at the University of New Orleans and the deep connection that you have forged with your alma mater. That bond is now stronger than ever. Please know that we, the entire University of New Orleans community, are immensely proud of your accomplishments.

Each degree earned represents years of determination by a graduate who persisted, regardless of academic challenges, financial obstacles, work obligations or family responsibilities. Much like the city of New Orleans, our students just won't quit.

Fortunately, your relationship with the University does not end today. We are here to support our alumni in any way possible, and I hope that you will continue to engage with us. While you may feel as though you have concluded your education, the truth is we are never finished learning. A lifelong pursuit of knowledge is endlessly fascinating and fulfilling. If we can be part of your future educational pursuits, whether it be another degree or graduate education, please let us know.

My aspiration is for you to achieve success—however you define it, to find your passion in your life and in your career, and for you to do what you can to make our world a better place. The journey you have shared with others at the University of New Orleans is the foundation for the next phase of your life. You have now earned a degree that can take you as far as you are willing to go. I offer you my heartfelt congratulations.

Dr. Kathy Johnson, President
The University of New Orleans

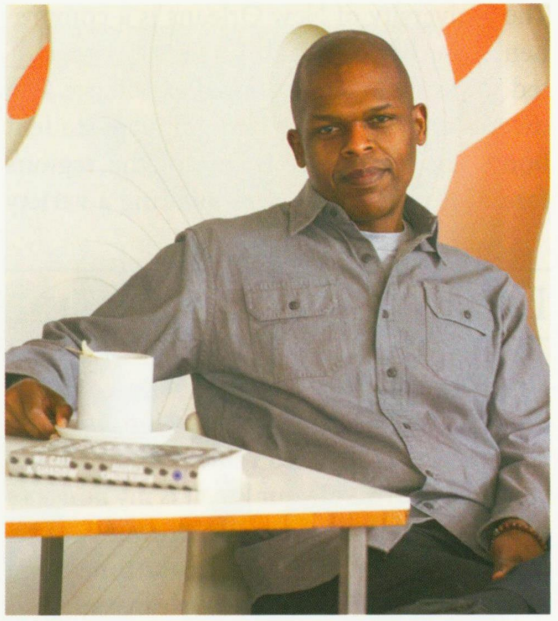
Honorary Speaker Maurice Carlos Ruffin

Maurice Carlos Ruffin is an award-winning novelist and two-time graduate of the University of New Orleans. He is the author of the forthcoming historical novel "The American Daughters," which will be published in 2024 by One World Random House. He is the recipient of the 2023 Louisiana Writer Award.

Ruffin also wrote "The Ones Who Don't Say They Love You," which was published by One World Random House in 2021. It is the 2023 One Book One New Orleans selection. The book was a New York Times Editor's Choice, a finalist for the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence and longlisted for the Story Prize. The book was also selected to represent Louisiana at the 2023 National Book Festival. His first book, "We Cast a Shadow," was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize and the PEN America Open Book Prize. It was longlisted for the 2021 Dublin Literary Award, the Center for Fiction Prize and the Aspen Words Literary Prize. The novel was also a New York Times Editor's Choice.

Ruffin is the winner of several literary prizes, including the Iowa Review Award in fiction and the William Faulkner-William Wisdom Creative Writing Competition Award for Novel-in-Progress. His work has appeared in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, the Oxford American, Garden & Gun, Kenyon Review, and Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America.

Ruffin is a professor of creative writing at Louisiana State University, and the 2020-2021 John and Renee Grisham Writer-in-Residence at the University of Mississippi. He was the 2022 Grand Marshal of the Mardi Gras Krewe of House Floats and recipient of the 2022 Louisiana Board of Regents ATLAS grant. Ruffin has taught at numerous residencies and conferences including Bread Loaf, Sewanee, Maine Media, Randolph College MFA and Longleaf. Ruffin was a co-curator of the Read My World Literary Festival (Amsterdam) in 2017 and a contributor in 2022. He is part of the Artist Network of Narrative 4, an organization dedicated to aiding the educational opportunities of young people.

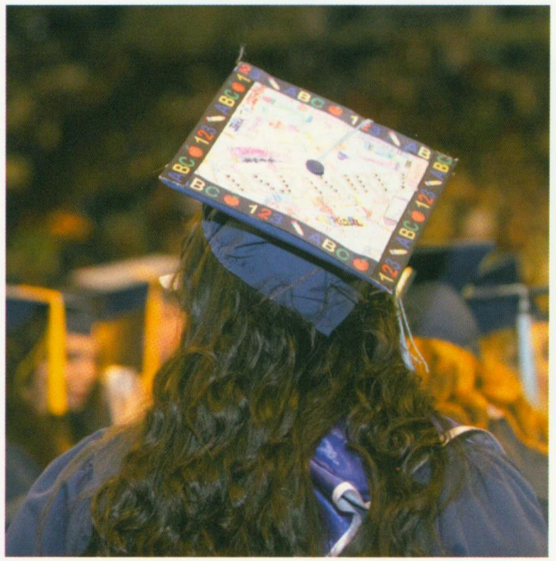


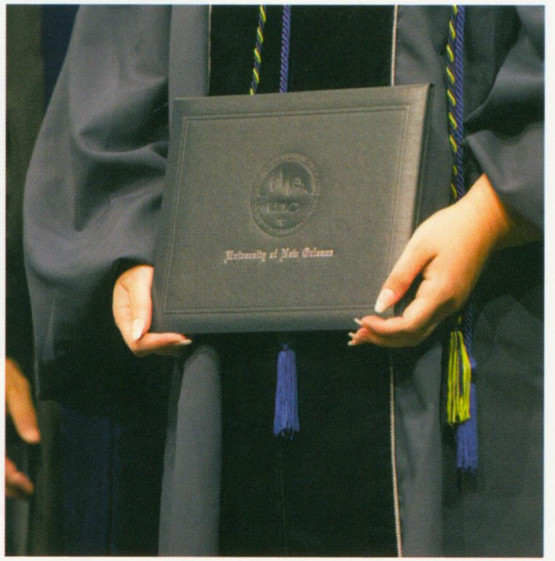
Academic Honors

The University of New Orleans recognizes undergraduate students who attain academic honors in three ways. A student may pursue the normal curriculum of a subject area and obtain honors by virtue of high grades. The three designations in this category: summa cum laude (with the highest praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.900-4.000; magna cum laude (with great praise), requiring an overall grade-point average of 3.700-3.899; and cum laude (with praise), requiring an average of 3.500-3.699.

A student may also graduate with University Honors in the particular field. This achievement requires the student to earn 18 credit hours of honors-qualifying coursework, maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.5 in their major and at least a 3.25 overall.

To graduate with University Honors with Thesis in a particular field, requires the same requirements as University Honors with the addition of a six-credit hour senior honors thesis in their major (applying toward the 18 credit hours of honors qualifying coursework).



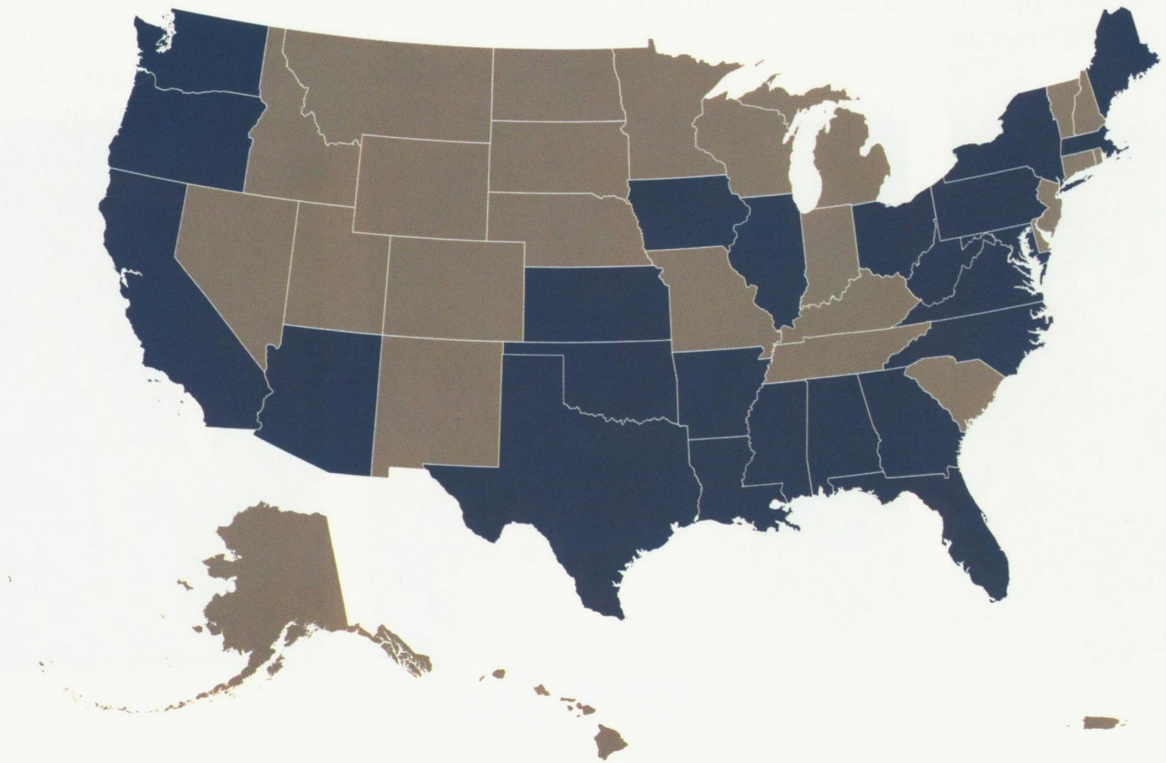


Where We're From!

States

Fall and Summer 2023 graduating classes come from Louisiana and the following 24 U.S. states and territories:

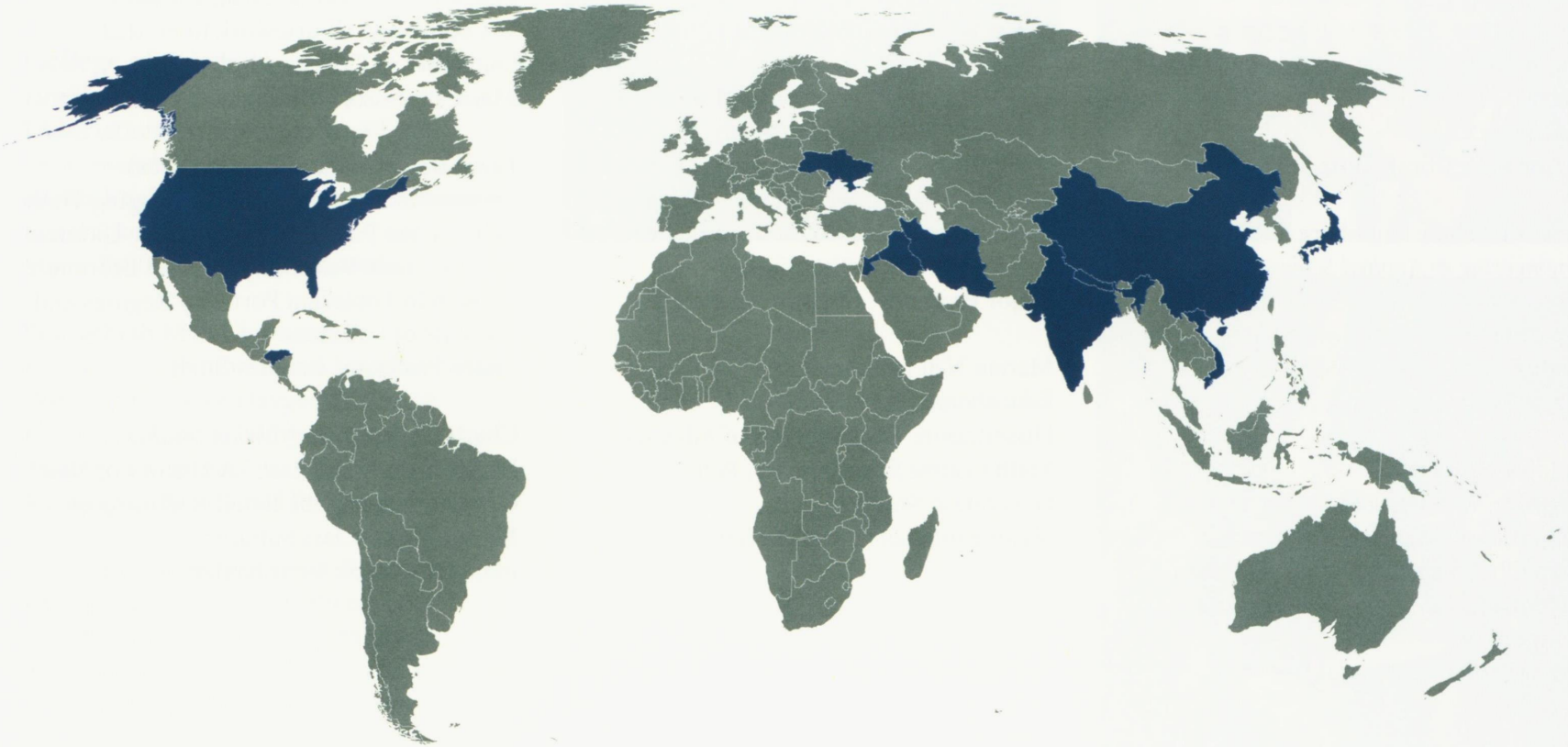
Alabama	Florida	Maine	North Carolina	Texas
Arizona	Georgia	Maryland	Ohio	Virginia
Arkansas	Illinois	Massachusetts	Oklahoma	Washington
California	Iowa	Mississippi	Oregon	West Virginia
District of Columbia	Kansas	New York	Pennsylvania	



Countries

Fall and Summer 2023 graduating classes come from the following 10 areas abroad:

China	India	Iraq	Jordan	Ukraine
Honduras	Iran	Japan	Nepal	Vietnam



Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering

George John Drouant
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Measuring the Lengths of Sperm Whales of the Northern Gulf of Mexico by Wavelet Analysis of Their Usual Clicks
Major Professor: Juliette Ioup

Edward Arthur Holmberg IV
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Dynamics for Stochastic Bipartite Observer-Observable SpatioTemporal (BOOST) Networks
Major Professor: Mahdi Abdelguerfi

Bradley James Sciacca
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: Wavelet Compression as an Observational Operator in Data Assimilation Systems for Sea Surface Temperature
Major Professor: Kendal Leftwich

Hanqi Yu *Engineering & Applied Science*
Dissertation: Motion Simulation and Risk Assessment of Dropped Objects in Offshore Operations
Major Professor: Linxiong Li

College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development

Yvanna Pogue Vicks *Counselor Education*
Dissertation: From Child to Children: The Experiences of Economically Marginalized Parents as Family Sizes Grow
Major Professor: Christopher Belser

Marian Nell Jackson
Educational Administration
Dissertation: The Influence of Advanced Math Course Enrollment in Potential First-Generation Students
Major Professor: Elizabeth Jeffers

Kurt Michael Ovella*
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Assessing Math Motivation, Educational Expectancy, and Grades in Corequisite Coursework to Predict Outcomes in College Algebra
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

Faisal Bukar Mallum *Urban Studies*
Dissertation:The Impacts of Changing Trade Policies, the Pandemic, and Russia-Ukraine War on Trade Volumes, Jobs, and Economic Growth in Louisiana Port City Regions and the State of Louisiana
Major Professor: Bethany Stich

Charles Alan Miller* *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: "The East:" A History of New Orleans East and the Retail Redlining of Black Middle-Class Suburbs
Major Professor: Vern Baxter

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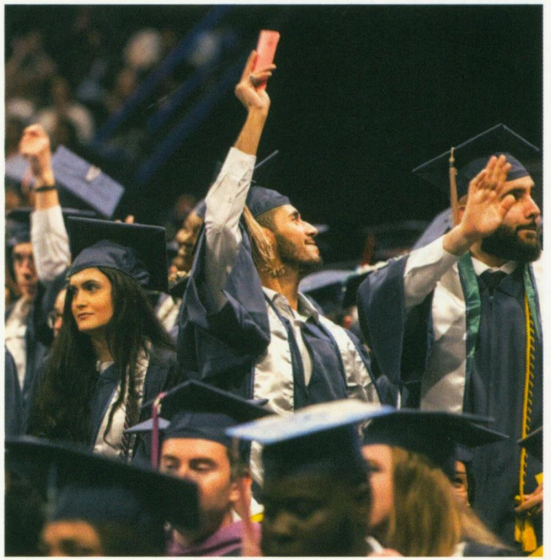
Paula Scalco Polito *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: Childcare Organizations: A Qualitative Study on Childcare Leaders' Perceptions of the Elements that Promote the Work They Do in the Childcare Industry
Major Professor: Jeffrey Parker

College of Sciences

Janelle Yen Nhi Do *Chemistry*
Dissertation: Low Temperature High Performance Encapsulated Cobalt and Nickel Single-Atom Catalyst for Ammonia Decomposition
Major Professor: Viktor Poltavets

Pramathesh Maji *Chemistry*
Dissertation: Synthesis and Electrocatalytic Water Splitting for Oxygen Evolution Reaction Catalysts Using Earth Abundant Materials
Major Professor: David Podgorski

Kes Lynn Joseph *Integrative Biology*
Dissertation: Characterization of the Structure and Function of Enzymes Required for Phycoerythrin II Biosynthesis in Marine Synechococcus Species
Major Professor: Wendy Schluchter



Master's Degrees

College of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

Catherine Laura Arnold
Damona Denice Barnes
Anna Belmonte
Troi Marie Benjamin
Casey P Boudoin
Angelique Mura Brignac
Karen Vanessa Canales
Andrew Mark Costanzo
Candace Dickerson
Keith Gerard Ellsworth II
Edward Mark Emerson
Patrick Joseph Gary
Cecilia G Genova
Cheyenne Malia Salud Gonzales
Wakeisha Grant
Jacob Carl Hansen
Ashleigh Nicole Harness
Fred Joseph Hebert
Timothy Mark Hennick
Veaceslav Jolobenco
Don P LeDuff
Christian Ashley Lewis
Matthew Alexander Lignieres
Christina Dale Loosemore
Lam Son Luu
Kayshia Elizabeth Maheia
Daryl Joseph Marse
Robyn Sheree Miller
Jennifer Margaret Naum
Andrew Sims Perret Jr
Luz Angela Preciado-Chapman
Mira A Roberts
William Robertson*
Luis Rodrigalvarez
Irfan Azeem Sayyad
Kyna Natasha Smith
Adrienne Michelle Snider
Fabian Pernell Wolfe
Theresa Margaret Zaunbrecher

Master of Science, Accounting

Ashraf Saed Baraawi
Bridgette Berni
Madison Ann Boten
Isabella Belen Cañas
Ian Michael Fogarty
Cathy Nhi Huynh*
Jonathan Loga
Jack Johnson McElveen V*

Master of Science, Finance

Stephanica Juavone Bradley
Shannon Marie Palermo
Zachary Joseph St. Pierre
Collin Richard Stevens

Master of Science, Health Care Management

Nicholas Zion Bailey
Dorcas Nohemi Edwards
Randall G Gondrella
Alexandra Kendra Louis
Barbara Michel
Toinette Janeth Peters
Marifuddin Hussaini Syed
Tina Thy Vo

Master of Science, Hospitality & Tourism Management

Jenna M Haddican
Nicholas Lenard Jarrell
Melissa Johnson
Andrea Nicole Picou
Risë Marie Spinelli*
Jessie July Underwood
Allie Catherine Vicknair
Annise Amari Watson
Keyishua Kiara Weber
Norma Zermeno

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Master of Science, Tax Accounting
Douglas John Durand
William Mote
Matthew W Nuss*

Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering

Graduate Certificate Coastal Engineering
Tharwat Khalaf Alswaeer*
Thomas J Siemens

Master of Science in Engineering
Hassan Theab H Alqahtani*
Tharwat Khalaf Alswaeer*
John Marshall Arnold
Samuel Awenti
Christian A Loving*
D'Quanz Quan Young

Master of Science in Engineering Management
William George Carrone Jr
Luisa Fernanda Malabet
Britt Max Zeringue

College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development

Graduate Certificate Geographic Information Systems
Anika Simone Ofori*

Master of Arts, Arts Administration
Maya Brittany Bentley*

Master of Arts, English
Jonathan Wesley Byers
Kyle Alexander Byrne
Holly Ann DeMore
Hope Elizabeth Druckenmiller*
Devin Nicole Hope Escobedo
Matthew Ryan Evans
Daniel Timothy Hatch
Mostafa Mashhad*
Laura Kaye McCarron
Paige Elizabeth Modicut
Weronika Raczek
Clinton Sensat
Josee Gail Vaughn
Emily Louise Waller

Master of Arts, History
Adam Dean Coste
Gregory D Scott‡

Master of Arts, Romance Languages
Jerome M Haynesworth
Andrea Michelle Knuth

Master of Arts, Sociology
Charlotte Ruby Naquin
Shelby Lynn Oliver

Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education Grades 1-5
Michelle Cowdrey
Nicole L Poissenot
Lauren Navarro Senie

Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Education Grades 6-12
Zena Gabrielle Buras
Lucas Lavoie
Seth Christopher Walker

Master of Arts in Teaching, Special Education Early Intervention Birth-5
Jade Darien Midencey

Master of Education, Counselor Education
Conrad Adkins
Ana Elizabeth Bales
Victoria Monzon Bourgeois
Raquel Ann Chatelain

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Devin Ashley Farrell
DeJeune Audra Green
John Connor Hill
Jessica Mizell
Sean Patrick Moore
Vinyette Ann Morell
Haley Sue Robinson

Master of Education, Curriculum & Instruction
Hannah Louise Meunier*
Bing Zhang*

Master of Education, Educational Leadership (K-12)
Thomas Watterson Dunlap IV*
Cody Michael Hood*
Steven Martins*
Yohana Romero

Master of Education, Higher Education Administration
Mauri Nicole Carver
William Robert Luton*

Master of Fine Arts, Creative Writing
Jessica Nicole Bowdoin
Evan Alexandra Butler

Master of Fine Arts, Film & Theatre
Adelai J Lynch
Tyelise Anna Walton

Master of Music
Violeta del Rio del Castillo
Santrell J Perdue
Keith Rashad Tillman

Master of Public Administration
Angelle Victoria Moncada

Master of Science, Urban Studies
J 'Bob' Felker Danton‡

Master of Urban and Regional Planning
Rebecca Gieger*
Laura Elizabeth Harris

College of Sciences

Graduate Certificate Coastal Sciences
Brittany Marie Lehmann
Thomas J Siemens

Graduate Certificate Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence
Bradford McCandless*
Sharmin Aktar
Mahfuzul Islam Nissan‡

Master of Science, Biological Sciences
Jaleelah A Awadallah*
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Lindsey Le Thu Dang
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Kathryn Wyssmann

Master of Science, Chemistry
Danielle E Allen
Myles E Reaux

Master of Science, Computer Science
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Sara Elizabeth Basili
Cornell Farlin
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Abdullah Bin Naeem
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Undergraduate Degrees

College of Business Administration

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Devin James Borne*
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Matthew Ryan Guelfo
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Kaden A Harvey
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Truong Quoc Pham
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Undergraduate Certificate in Power & Energy Systems

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Don Glendall Graham
Emily B Guerra
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Hyewon Han□
Lainey Elizabeth Harlow*□
Taylor Y'Moni Harris*
Kala Marie Hathorn
Payton Renaye Hudson*
Chasity Kim Hunter
Reiss Baldwin Jackson
Camryn Elizabeth Jeansonne
Jaylin Michkea Angalik Kemp
Michaela Kramer*
Sabrina L Lafleur
Rowan Elizabeth Lambert*✧
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Zowie M Luna□
Kaitlin Gabrielle McLaughlin*
Aaron Michael Mince□
Emelie B Morrison
Katharine H Morrissey*
Seth Mouton
Noah F Nagle
Anna Truc T Nguyen□
Yamato Mason O'connell*
Lily Laurachel Parker
Jamyre Marquis Patrick
Joseph L Petersen
Tory Leigh Philley
Anna Elizabeth Rodriguez
Emma K Roussell*
Alexandra M Rusnak✧
Rhianna Dawn San Soucie✧
Logan Michael Schlaudecker*
Katharine Suzanne Silvia◇
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Matthew Valerio*◇
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Jacob Kohl Clausen
Malcolm A Coleman
Reece E Ezell
Kyrin J Johnson□
Nia G Jones
Arden Summers Kleinpeter✧
Sofia Mahmood
Isabella C Marrier✧
Caitlin Wynn Nemetz
Julian Andrew Pacheco
Dylan Nichole Pinckard□
Kristen Erica Quinlan□
Brighton John Schmill*
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Briana Theresa White

College of Sciences

Steven G. Johnson Ph.D., Dean

Bachelor of Science

Mohammad Sufian Abdelwahhab*✧
Mohammed Ridha Abraham*
Peter Frederick Addicks IV□
Jonathan Agid*□
Fatima Abdul Rahim Almayahi□
Mays Khaled Alsalti
Alaa Alshawi
David Emmet Bartholomew
Franchesca Julianne Basalo
Jacob R Beyer
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UNO, Our Alma Mater
Proud we stand to sing your fame
UNO
We honor your dear name.

Mem'ries will linger on
When our years with you have gone
And keep us true
to the Silver and Blue.

Lyrics by Deborah H. Crosby | Music from The Overture to the Consecration of the House by Ludwig van Beethoven

◇Summa Cum Laude ✧Magna Cum Laude □Cum Laude *Summer Graduate

Awarding degrees at the University of New Orleans and most other American universities follows a practice that can be traced back to the University of Paris during the early part of the 11th century. The Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop at the time, was responsible for local educational curricula and degree granting. His authority in these matters, however, was challenged by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be the proper judges of the qualifications of their students. This threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the Bishop for degrees. A secularized version of that arrangement is represented in today's ceremony, during which college deans are certifying that the student candidates are qualified to receive their degrees.

Academic Regalia

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are bachelors, masters and doctoral. The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Black is the most common color for academic gowns, though UNO's gowns are customized UNO blue. There is no trimming on the gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The color in the master's costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This hood is lined with silk of a color which indicates the subject area of the degree received. Thus the master's hood from The University of New Orleans is customized UNO blue, lined in silver with a blue chevron and edged in white velvet for Arts, Letters, and Humanities, copper for Accounting, drab for Business, light blue for Education, orange for Engineering, brown for Fine Arts and Urban and Regional Planning, sage green for Health and Physical Education, pink for Music, dark blue for Philosophy, peacock blue for Public Administration, and golden yellow for Sciences.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood, which is lined with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the color of the degree (Doctor of Philosophy) received. As noted above, gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front. Usually doctors will wear a gold tassel on their cap. In recent years, some universities have broken away from the traditional scheme and allowed their doctors to wear brighter, more original costumes. For instance, Yale's blue with black trim and Harvard's crimson and black.

Hoods are not worn by candidates for bachelor's degrees at UNO, but their academic discipline is denoted by the color of their mortarboard tassels. Candidates expected to graduate with honors wear a UNO blue and silver cord.

Accounting – Drab
Anthropology – White
Arts Administration – White
Biological Sciences – Golden Yellow
Business Administration – Drab
Chemistry – Golden Yellow
Civil Engineering – Orange
Computer Science – Golden Yellow
Counselor Education – Light Blue
Creative Writing – White
Curriculum & Instruction – Light Blue
Earth and Environmental Sciences – Golden Yellow
Education – Light Blue
Educational Administration – Light Blue
Electrical Engineering – Orange
Elementary Education – Light Blue
Engineering – Orange
Engineering and Applied Sciences – Golden Yellow or Orange
Engineering Management – Orange
Engineering Science – Orange
English – White
Film and Theatre Arts – Brown
Finance – Drab
Financial Economics – Copper
Fine Arts – Brown
Health Care Management – Drab
Higher Education Administration – Light Blue
History – White
Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration – Drab
Hospitality and Tourism Management – Drab
Human Performance & Health Promotion – Sage Green
Interdisciplinary Studies – White
International Studies – White
Management – Drab
Marketing – Drab
Mathematics – Golden Yellow
Mechanical Engineering – Orange
Music – Pink
Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering – Orange
Philosophy – Dark Blue
Physics and Applied Physics – Golden Yellow
Political Science – White
Psychology – Golden Yellow
Public Administration – Peacock Blue
Romance Languages – White
Secondary Education – Light Blue
Sociology – White
Special Education – Light Blue
Tax Accounting – Drab
Transportation – Blue-Violet
Urban and Regional Planning – Blue-Violet
Urban Studies – Blue-Violet

Academic Ceremonies

Many factors — such as the nature of the institution, the size of the graduating class, the weather, and the place of ceremony (indoors or outdoors) — affect the details of academic ceremonies. Institutions have wide latitude in meeting these conditions, and consequently there is considerable variation in customs. At UNO, the commencement procession is composed of representatives of the faculty and a platform party, which is seated on the stage. The platform party consists of university administration officials, representatives of the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, the commencement speaker, and distinguished guests.

Degrees are announced in descending order, with doctorates first and bachelor's degrees last.

The University of New Orleans, then LSUNO, conferred its first bachelor's degrees to 65 candidates at the Spring Commencement of 1962. Its first master's degrees were awarded to six graduate students in 1965 and the first doctoral degree in 1967.

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University Mace

The University of New Orleans Mace is borne before the Platform Party as a symbol of authority in the Procession and Recession.

The Mace was first presented on September 6, 1988, at the Academic Convocation commemorating the 30th anniversary of the University's opening. Commissioned in January 1988, the Mace was conceptualized by Professor Howard Jones, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, and refined and executed by Mr. Doug MacCash, a graduate assistant working under the supervision of Professor Jones.

Subtle features of the artifact symbolize the composition, mission, and vitality of the University. Emblematic of authority, the Mace features engravings of the name and year of appointment of each of the University's leaders.

The President's Medallion

Traditionally, a University's chief executive officer possesses a badge of office that he or she wears at convocations, commencements or other ceremonial occasions. To honor that custom, the original Chancellor's Medallion was struck and presented on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Leon J.V. Richelle, UNO's second leader, in 1981. In commemoration of UNO's 50th Anniversary in 2008, the UNO Federal Credit Union presented to the University the gift of a new medallion to be worn by Chancellor Timothy P. Ryan and all successors to that office. With the transfer of UNO to the University of Louisiana System, the leader is the President.

The entire antiqued silver-plated four-inch medallion and chain feature the University of New Orleans seal encircled by fourteen one-and-one-half inch squares and seventeen banners. Twelve of the squares are engraved with UNO above a fleur-de-lis. Two squares are engraved with the 50th Anniversary emblem. Six of the banners are engraved with UNO's leaders' names and dates of service. The banner immediately above the medallion bears the word President. Variations of this medallion may be struck on special occasions to honor extraordinary and distinguished service to the University.

Alumni

The University of New Orleans Alumni Association provides fun and meaningful opportunities for graduates to stay connected to and engaged with UNO. The association hosts alumni events year-round, promotes the success of UNO students and builds awareness of UNO's importance to our community and region. In addition to national discounts on travel, merchandise, insurance products, UNO bookstore purchases, library and fitness center privileges, the benefits of membership also include opportunities for professional networking and leadership development, a business directory for UNO-run businesses and more.

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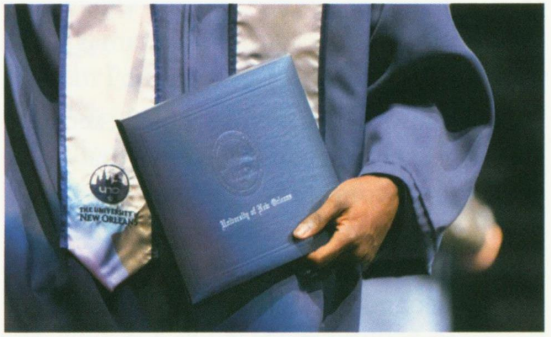

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The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported; thus, the listing of a name in this program should not be construed as documentation that the person listed will, in fact, receive a degree from the University of New Orleans. Conversely, some students who are not listed may be awarded degrees.

The same applies to the listing of students graduating with honors.